

troops under his command, until an explicit ratification of the convention of Saratoga should be properly notified by the court of Great-Britain to congress; and an act relating to inhabitants of the United States who voluntarily enlist with the enemy: A letter of the 24th of the same month, enclosing an act of congress for establishing a communication for transporting provisions from the southern states for the use of the army, and for defraying the expences attending the same, together with the commissary-general's proposals, to which the act refers: A letter of the 3d of February, enclosing acts of congress of the 15th and 21st of January, for retaliating upon the enemy: A letter of the 10th of February, enclosing an act of congress of the 3d of the same month, for obliging all persons holding commissions or appointments under congress, to take and subscribe certain oaths: And an act for restraining and preventing misconduct in continental officers civil and military, and for correcting the abuse of supernumeraries in the civil line; and a resolve subjoining, recommending to the legislatures of the several states to enact laws for the most speedy and effectual recovery of debts due to the United States: A letter of the 21st of February, enclosing an act of congress of the 18th of the same month, for embodying a sufficient number of militia for guarding prisoners, to be confined at Fort-Frederick, &c. And acts of the 5th and 6th of the same month, for establishing divers regulations in the civil and military departments of the army, and for other purposes therein mentioned: And a letter of the 1st instant, enclosing acts of congress of the 26th of February, for filling up the continental battalions, accompanied by a return from the board of war, shewing the numbers wanting to complete them, and for ascertaining the amount of necessaries supplied British prisoners from the commencement of the war: Several letters from the board of war, of the 25th of November, 31st of December, 1st and 17th of January, and 10th, 11th, and 23d of February: And two letters from the committee of congress, of the 20th and 28th of February: And a letter from general Washington, of the 29th of December, recommending the most vigorous and early measures to complete the eight regiments to be furnished by this state: A letter of the 16th of February, requesting supplies of provisions to be forwarded from this state to camp, and enclosing a letter from a committee of congress of the same date, and upon the same subject: A letter of the 19th of the same month, enclosing an address to the inhabitants of New-Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland and Virginia, for provisions: And also a letter from general Smallwood, of the 22d of January, enclosing a return of cloathing wanted in the seven Maryland regiments under his command.

The senate adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, March 16, 1778.

THE senate met. Present the same members as on Saturday. The proceedings of Saturday were read.

Certificates of the qualification of the messenger and door-keeper were produced and filed.

The several letters, acts of congress, &c. communicated to this house on Saturday, by the governor, were read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and sent by Matthew Tilghman, Esq.

The senate adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

T U E S D A Y, March 17, 1778.

THE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Charles Carroll, Esq; barrister, appeared in the house.

The senate having qualified according to law, proceeded to the election of a senator in the room of William Paca, Esq; who hath resigned, and Thomas Jenings, Esq; was elected by ballot.

Mr. President was requested to write to Mr. Jenings, notifying his appointment, and requesting his attendance.

Messrs. J. Hall and Lethbury, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following message:

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, March 17, 1778.

May it please your honours,

THIS house have appointed from nine o'clock in the morning until one in the afternoon, and from three till five, for its sitting during this session for the dispatch of business.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del:

Which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Thomas Jenings, Esq; attended, and qualified, by taking the oaths prescribed by the constitution and form of government, and directed by the act, entitled, An act to punish certain crimes and misdemeanors, and to prevent the growth of toryism, and subscribing a declaration of his belief in the christian religion.

Thomas